Southeast Region DNR Forest Improvement Program Contract Harvest Timber Sales Bidding – Fall, 2006 and Operations -Spring, 2007

INTRODUCTION

The Forest Improvement (FI) Program in Southeast Region of DNR will be accepting proposals and logging bids on four timber sales with an anticipated start of operations in the spring of 2007. These timber sales will all be contract harvest sales as required under the legislation that created the FI Program. With contract harvest sales, the DNR solicits proposals and bids from logging contractors for the actual logging using the Request for Submission of Qualifications (RFSOQ) process. After the apparent successful bidder has been determined, log sorts are offered for auction by the DNR approximately 4 to 6 months later. Logging operations can get started after sort auctions have been confirmed and contracts have been signed, which takes approximately one month from auction day.

SALE SUMMARIES

The table below summarizes information for the four sales that will be offered for bid this fall. Figures for acreage, harvest volumes and stations of road building are preliminary estimates. More precise figures will be available when sale layout work is completed this summer.

SALE	LOCATION		MERCH. HARVEST	ROAD BUILDING	RFSOQ	BIDS	START
NAME	SecT-R	ACRES	TONS*	STATIONS	DUE	DUE	DATE
Divide	22, 23-	512 Ground		197 New			
FI	31-14	200 Cable	32,000	37 Recon.	10/25/06	11/27/06	5/28/07
	18-6-10						
Snow	2,11,23-7-11						
Trout	22,26,27,34-			208 New			
FI	7-12	1204 Ground	47,000	104 Recon.	10/25/06	11/27/06	4/30/07
South	2,3,8,9,10,34-			100 New			
Nasty	12-14	580 Ground		48 Recon.			
FI	3,4-11-14	296 Line	34,000	153 Maint.	10/25/06	11/27/06	4/30/07
Tamarack	18-20-20						
Junction	6-20-19			152 New			
FI	32-21-19	674 Ground	26,000	60 Recon.	10/25/06	11/27/06	5/28/07

^{*}Includes sawlog and small saw volume. Pulpwood will be sold to the contractor as a lump sum direct sale for \$500.

RFSOQ PROCESS

RFSOQ packages for the timber sales described above will be available October 2, 2006 on the DNR Internet site or by mail for those contractors without Internet access. A notice will be published in the Journal of Commerce and local newspapers. In addition, those contractors on the DNR contractor list will be sent a notification letter approximately 2 weeks prior to posting of the RFSOQ's. A contractors pre-bid meeting will be scheduled for Friday, October 6 at the Southeast Region DNR Office to answer questions about the proposed timber sales and the RFSOQ process. Attendance at this meeting is not required but is highly recommended.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Information for FI timber sales and RFSOQ bid packages is available on line at the following Internet link:

www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/fr/sales/foresthealth

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